

HOUSE BILL 1024

By Ferguson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 68 and Title 71, relative to nursing homes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-104, is further amended by adding the following language, designated as a new subsection (8):

(8) Submit a report by not later than February 1 of each year to the governor and to the speakers of the general assembly regarding the department's nursing home inspection and enforcement activities during the previous year. The report shall analyze trends in compliance with nursing home standards and residents' rights by nursing homes in the state. In preparing the report, the commissioner shall utilize quantitative data compiled by nursing homes pursuant to federal or state regulations. The report shall contain the commissioner's recommendations for changes in state law or policy that would improve the quality of care and quality of life in nursing homes. The commissioner shall ensure that the report is promptly made available to the public by dissemination via the world wide web, as well as in printed format.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.